



OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB

August 2020



Commodore

Captain Jesse "Mitch" Mitchell
First Mate Anne Marie Murdock
M/V Release



Ahoy OYC!

Well here I am writing my very first Beachcomber article as your newly installed Commodore and find myself pondering some of the many things I would really enjoy writing about. But we are all go-

ing through a very unprecedented time at the moment which I need not address. That said, what has happened since our abbreviated Change of Watch this past June? Sadly, not many official club social functions. Your club though has still been conducting the business of the club through all of the various committees and people who run them. I'm sure most of you have seen the work of our new Treasurer, Sailing & Education Program, Community & Government Affairs, Main Station, Moorage Master, Island Home Committee, LLC and Board of Trustees just to name a few. I have personally attended quite a few BOT meetings and have even managed to attend at least on meeting with each of the Committees with which I have been designated as the BOT liaison. These meetings have been conducted via video conference and once Thurston County moved to Phase 3 a few in person with social distancing and masking in place.

There are currently several items being worked that I have been a part of. One of the

first items the board tasked me with was to form a working group to look over the membership classifications and possibly come with some ideas to improve, clarify, replace or just give an informed briefing to the BOT for consideration. We've had our initial meeting and noted our first thoughts, there will definitely be more to follow. I also met with the LLC and was given a full briefing on how the construction project went. There were a few missteps but if you haven't seen the parking lot yet, it is absolutely beautiful to see and something our club can be proud of. The last committee to welcome me to hang out with was the Community & Government Affairs Committee. There were a few presentations but the one I personally was struck by was the newly formed "Salish Sea Scouting" group. They have an extremely organized and professional program. They would like to partner with OYC and I give them my full support albeit depending on us all being able to work out the details on what that would be and what it would look like, more to follow.

I hope everyone got the word that the BOT elected to cancel all August Social events and remain in our current posture with respect to COVID-19. Our Fleet Surgeon Rich Hurst has been keeping us well apprised of the situation in making these decisions. As the Commodore, having to cancel the social events is very sad. I hold out the greatest of hope that we will

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Greetings OYCers!

If I had a nickel for every time I heard someone say "I'm tired of this virus thing," I'd a rich man! It's just a darn shame so many people have to miss out on so

many special events this year, including, of course, OYC's great outings! I am thankful that Jackie and our daughters are healthy and when we're out on the water, things seem to show their proper perspective.

Jackie and I just returned from an 8-night, Mid-Sound jaunt to renew our boating skills and to remember all that we had forgotten to take with us. Good news is that we had just installed a new bed in the forward cabin, together with an underlayment of "Dry Den" for control of condensation. It worked great! We also had just installed a 120v circuit in the fly-bridge for shorepower to the chest refrigerator/freezer to keep the beer cold. Yay! And finally, we wired our AIS-enabled VHF radio to our Garmin chartplotter so now we can see AIS-vessels on our screen. Ain't technology great?

Our jaunt took us to the Gig Harbor City Dock on night one. From there, we motored north to Blake Island, one of our favorite spots. Fortunately, we got dock space and got to use our Moorage Pass that Jackie gave me for Christmas. After daily walks around/across the Island, we ended up staying for four nights. During this time, we celebrated our 32nd Anniversary with a dinner of Totten Inlet clams, shrimp and salad, washed down with a bottle of Sirhah. Leading up to our dinner, we spent a couple hours on the dock enjoying the company of OYCers Gary and Judy Ball and their daughter and son-in-law. We had a wonderful visit with them and all the timing, being respectful of social distancing and mask wearing.

After Blake, we went to Port Orchard to pump out and top off the fuel tanks. (\$1.67 for die

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Rear Commodore

Captain Judy Setina
First Mate Chris Welch
S/V La Bonne Vie



Happy Summer Members!

This is my first Beachcomber article as your new Rear Commodore! First, I would like to thank the Club Members for allowing me the honor of representing our great Yacht Club. I will do my best to work hard,

and I sure would appreciate all the help and words of wisdom that I can get!

My First Mate Chris and I are excited about this upcoming year, to host fun dinners and activities, (when we can start meeting again) and getting to know everyone better. We look forward to this year as a time of coming closer together as a yacht club family. We are trying hard to include everyone, and everyone is important, so please get involved and show us your special skills.

To get to know us better, I would like you to know that I love to laugh, dance, be silly and I also like a margarita or two. Chris loves to have a lot of fun too! He says that you all can just call him First Mate Gilligan.

Oh my! This has been an unexpected summer so far, and we just unexpectedly bought a new Galeon 420 Fly Bridge. We are still not sure how it happened, but that's the crazy thing about boats, sometimes things just happen!

We also want everyone to know that we have a new catering company on board with us. Masonry Café 360 is known for their great food, and we look forward to working with Shelly soon. Please let us know if you want to continue to be on the permanent dinner list, or if you want to be added to the permanent dinner list. You can also use our OYC Reservation Line (360) 705-3767 or sign up through our Evite invitation system.

I just want to say thank you again, Chris and I are glad to be members of such a great club. The OYC is dear to my heart, with a lot of memories and wonderful times that I have had there. To

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be able to get back to business in September. Foofaraw was already cancelled by the Thurston County Chamber and with some great luck we won't be cancelling any of the other events. The BOT will make the call at their next meeting scheduled for August 12th. Fingers crossed, and masks secured please!

Another topic that has been discussed and continues to be discussed is how we can earn our CSP hours with so many events cancelled. I do not have that answer just yet.....I'm sure the Commodore's Ball in October will have volunteers galore, right? What I do have is a couple opportunities though. For various reasons we have 3 committee chairs that are empty and in great need of volunteers to fill them. They are the Clubhouse Chair, TGIF Committee Chair and Community & Government Affairs Chair. If you have any interest in any of the positions feel free to contact me or any member of the BOT.

Again.....In wrapping up, I would like to remind all of us to stay safe and as soon as the situation allows we will be getting our Boating Social Club back to boating and socializing.

See You on the Dinghy Soon,
Commodore Mitch and First Mate AnneMarie
MV Release

(Vice Commodore's report continued)

sell!). On the night of the 4th, wow, that whole bay was lit up with fireworks on both sides. Next morning, other OYCers, Past Commodore Jim Sheerer and Kjersti Skinner dinghied over from their moorage in Bremerton. That's when I learned Jim was born in Bremerton! We had a great visit with them over snacks.

Soon after Jim and Kjersti left us, we motored to Brownsville. We had been by it numerous times, but had never stopped. As we began our back-in for moorage, out of their boat popped Tacoma Yacht Club Vice Commodore Bruce and Margie Blunt, our Grand 14 counterparts! Fun!

Then, it was back to Blake Island for us. No sooner had we tied up and into the harbor comes OYCers Rich and Barb Bergholz in their beautiful new boat *Run Tug Run*. It wasn't long before Barb dragged Jackie and me in a walk around the Island at speeds guaranteed to avoid lingering viruses! Next stop was back to OYC, following a 4.5 hour ride.

It was a fun opportunity to shake the cobwebs off the boat, get good fuel prices, and rack up nights on the moorage pass in order to do better than break even. Running into fellow boating friends along the way is extra special and was our hope in joining the Olympia Yacht Club.

Best of all, was spending time with Jackie, my Bride of 32 years, on the water, on the dock while savoring the pleasures of Puget Sound boating.

Puts things into their proper perspective, doesn't it?

Vice Commodore Danny and Jackie Wrye
MV Sea Chalet



Fleet Captain Sail

Captain Lenora Tanaka
M/V SEA LIFE



Hello All! I want to tell you how excited and honored I am to be your new Fleet Captain Sail. Thank you for your vote of confidence in me. I would like to thank the outgoing Fleet Captain Sail, Mike Glowrylow and his First Mate Esther Baker. It

is obvious I have big shoes to fill. They will be missed on the Bridge and being the Masters of the TGIF fun! Luckily, I will be able to continue relying on their great knowledge to give me the education I need in order to fulfill my duties on the Bridge. They have already given me an amazing start and I appreciate them so very much for such a smooth, kind, supportive and warm transition. Thank you!

I know there are quite a few members wondering how I ended up here. Well, to make a long story short, I had a moorage slip at Fiddlehead Marina, just next door, when I was telling a friend Mike Thielen about how I needed to get my boat under cover. He told me about OYC having boathouses for sale and recommended I take a look. I looked at 6 in one day. An awesome couple, Pete and Ann Janni (Life members) made a deal I could not refuse and the rest is history. I couldn't be any happier with my 1st year here at OYC. I love everything our club has to offer. The friends I continue to make is priceless. I am always wanting to plug in where I can help and be the most useful. It just so happens, I wanted to be a part of the Bridge and Fleet Captains were both open. Since I love education and I was already appointed as the Junior Membership Chair (most of the kids interested in sailing), it was a good fit for me.

Yes! I am a power boat gal, and to be honest, I did not know anything about sailing. I have only had one phenomenal sailing adventure that I just fell into and walked away from the experience so excited to do it again. It was Seattle's opening day 2018 and my son was in the Navy Sea Cadet program at the USCG base, Seattle. The sail boat was a stunning, 1920's 62' all wooden gaff rigged schooner that the cadets stood shoulder to shoulder at parade rest in their dress whites along its edge, as we passed the judges booth. Just amazing! Since my nomination, I have been busy learning as much as I can about sailing. No doubt I am doing a vertical climb on a massive learning curve. I welcome any of you to add to my knowledge in any way you can. I love to hear ideas on what works best and what doesn't. I would like to tour the many different sail boats here, in and around OYC. Please let me know if you have one that you



would allow me a 15 minute look and learn session. You can call, email, or catch me at OYC, as I am always coming and going.

As your Fleet Captain Sail, my Plan and goals for this year are multi-faceted. Here is just a quick overview:

1. To be of service to all of you; my fellow members, Bridge, Board, and Community. I am a disciplined, organized, positive and energized team player. I look forward to adding as much as I can over this year. I am here for whatever you may need and I am always open to listen or lend a hand.
2. To plan, implement, and enjoy the best cruises and events OYC has ever seen.
3. To be involved with sailing as much as possible. This includes attending as many sailing events, coordinating with our Sailing Program Director Sarah and our new Sailing Ed Program Chair Curtis. As well as, being a Liaison for the South Sound Sailing Society. I plan on being on the committee boat at the finish line, as much as possible, to represent OYC. Also, to keep you informed of the sailing happenings, as I am now a subscriber of 48 degrees North Magazine. Speaking of which, check out last months (July) issue online, which has an incredible interview of our amazing Sailing Coach and Director Sarah Hanavan. An article I thoroughly enjoyed reading. She is such a talent and I feel very blessed to have her here. Thank you Sarah for all your hard work and dedication. You are needed more than you know.

I wish you all a healthy and happy summer. May you get out on your boat more this year than last. A great challenge with COVID for sure, but so far it looks like I will do just that. Woo Hoo! I am looking forward to

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(FC Sail continued) an amazing and fun year. If you see me on the docks, stop and say hello! There are so many of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting and would really like to.

Happy Sailing!
Captain Lenora Tanaka
M/V "Sea Life"

(RC continued) gether, with my family we have celebrated many birthdays, and Chris and I had our wedding reception at the Club over 17 years ago.

Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you all on the water.

Rear Commodore Judy Setina
First Mate Chris Welch
M/V Andiamo



Fleet Captain Power

Captain Ron Stormer
First Mate Kristalene Stormer
M/V Rendezvous Deux



Howdy Club Mates!

This is my first newsletter update as your new Fleet Captain Power. What an exciting time to have such an honor. I had all

sorts of ideas for great cruises for this year, unfortunately, COVID hit and there isn't much we can do as a group. As you know most events have

been canceled and now we can only gather in groups of 10 or less. However, I know that isn't going to stop us from having a good time and enjoying the water. I am hopeful as the season continues there will be some opportunities for us to get together and enjoy each other's company on the water.

I am looking forward to this coming year.

FCP Kristalene Stormer and Co-Captain Ron Stormer





Board of Trustees

Bill Wilmovsky, Chair



I am pleased to be your new Board of Trustees Chairman. It happened like this: We were all lined up looking for a volunteer. The volunteer was to step forward on the count of three. I stood still and everyone else stepped back. Fooled again. I will try to continue the excellent leadership the club has enjoyed these past few years.

We all know that this is a strange year. The COVID 19 has forced us to cancel all OYC events through August 31st. (*including Foofaraw ed.*) The board is aware that there are many less opportunities to get CSP hours. We are investigating changes in the CSP requirements for 2020.

Covid 19 seems to be the theme of our lives. However, the board is still working to improve the OYC experience. Our new payment plan emphasizes the use of e mail for bills and online payments are up and running and very easy to use. The board is also changing our process to deal with late payments. We will be following the method outlined in our by-laws. If you have questions, please contact our treasurer or a board member.

This fall, we hope to start a project to repair the boardwalk between the clubhouse and the caretakers home. This project will cause some disruption in access to the docks. We are taking steps to mitigate this inconvenience.

I hope you are having a good summer. As I write this, I am on my boat heading NORTH...just not too far with Canada closed. Here's to fair winds and flat water.

Bill Wilmovsky

Moorage Inspections

This being an even year means all even numbered moorage spaces (open slips and boathouses) will be inspected to ensure marina safety and compliance with established standards as noted in OYC's Agreements, Rules, and Policies. Inspections will start in September and scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2020. This schedule has been slipped due to issues caused by our present virus conditions.

We will have five inspection teams and one of them will contact you by email or phone to schedule the inspection of your open slip or boathouse. We encourage you to be present, however, if you cannot, you can provide the team access to your moorage and permission to complete the inspection. Upon completion of the inspection you will receive a copy of the completed inspection by email soon afterwards.

You can go to the OYC Web page and review the "SAFETY & COMPLIANCE CHECK LIST" for both Open Slips & Boathouses in the Download Section. Open slip inspections take approximately 30 minutes, while boathouse inspections take approximately 45 minutes. There will be a "water side inspection" completed prior to the dockside portion for all boathouses; deficiencies noted for water-side will be included on the inspection sheets when dockside is completed. Boathouse standards are listed in the OYC 2019-2020 Directory (pages 151-154) for your review. **NOTE: when selling/buying a boathouse it must have an inspection report on file showing it meets applicable standards within the past year.**

Please assist us with this program by closely observing your property and ensuring standards are maintained and vessels are prepared for safe cruising throughout 2020. Thanks for your assistance in implementing this program later than normal, while continuing to maintain established moorage standards within the OYC Marina. If you have any questions please contact me.

Bob Wolf - OYC Inspection Committee

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Budget and Finance

Gary Ball, Chair



No report

Treasurer

Holli Howatson, Treasurer



From the Treasurer:

Wow! What a great response to the emailed invoices this month! Going forward, all invoices will be emailed to members and everyone will continue to be encouraged to pay using our online system because of the tremendous time and resource savings it provides for OYC. I truly appreciate everyone who has embraced the new system or worked with me to set up their payments.

Some of you have noticed that it is not possible to pay any amount greater than the “current invoice” which may be less than the “total amount due.” For instance, if your invoice for July was \$250 and you don’t pay that before your August \$250 invoice is emailed to you, when you get the August invoice the only amount you’ll be able to pay is the current \$250, leaving the July amount unpaid in spite of a “total amount due” of \$500. If you’ve been getting emailed invoices for a while, you can find the older one and pay it, and then pay the current one. If you can’t find it, or you’d like to pay it all at once, you can give me a call and I can take the payment over the phone – 360-389-3722.

This is an important consideration as the Board of Trustees has recently tasked me with getting all of our membership current with their financial obligation to the Club as referenced in Article 3, Section 6 of our Bylaws: “Any member whose fiscal indebtedness to the Olympia Yacht Club is delinquent sixty days shall be suspended (including loss of moorage for both boat, and/or boathouse) until such time payment is made. Continued indebtedness past ninety days shall be grounds for expulsion at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.” Happily, almost every member keeps their account current, so I will not have to entertain much unpleasantness and, hopefully none at all.

Before I begin enforcement, I’ll be reaching out to those few who are behind and encourage them to get caught up. Then, any invoice that has not been paid in the week or ten days before the next invoice comes out will be re-sent as a reminder.

Beginning in August, invoices will be due on receipt with payment expected during the month. If you have any questions, please let me know. Stay safe. Wear a mask.

Holli Howatson, Treasurer
The Olympia Yacht Club
360-389-3722

Clubhouse

Vacant



No report



Sailing Education Program

Curtis Dahlgren, Chair



Hello OYC membership. Most of you should be aware that we are starting up with race teams and the summer sailing program. This has been long in planning and consideration by everyone involved, starting with our coach and director Sarah Hanavan doing incredible amounts of the planning, research and implementation.

Bob Hargreaves, our BOT liaison, has sent out an email informing you of the plan and procedures for how we will try to keep everyone safe. Our new Chair Curtis Dahlgren's learning curve has been steep the last few weeks, but he is amazingly staying positive as we go forward. Eric Hurlburt has helped out with much needed fiberglass repairs and Garner Miller did a beautiful new paint job on the seats and console on our baby whaler. Thanks to all members who notified us that things looked amiss in the process. Several members thought the boat had been vandalized as the seats, anchor locker cover and console were missing or askew!

Here is a short review of the plan and procedures sent to OYC membership: All young sailors, parents and staff will meet in the fenced area behind the Bayview Market. Our adult sailing students will meet in front of the OYC clubhouse when the fenced area is being used. Some classes are staggered so there won't be lot of folks stacked up out in the turn-around. Social distancing has been designated by flags tied to the fencing along the walkway and markers in the gravel lot. Signage will help direct folks to the right places to gather and proceed to boats.

The beginning of the summer sailing program can all seem overwhelming, even in normal times. We are asking everyone to be patient and courteous as we try to get through this trying time. Our teams are practicing, but there aren't any summer regattas planned. Our classes are running at a reduced enrollment both for youth and adults, keeping in mind safety from COVID-19 without sacrificing safety on the water. Sailors in small boats will not be required to wear masks on the water as that could increase danger if capsizes occur. If you see a boat with two crew on it, they have signed up for sailing with the same person for the practices, and parents are aware of the space limitations for social distancing on the boats. If you have any questions, concerns or complaints please let us know.

This week (the 2nd of July) is full of race teams getting back out on the water and training for our summer staff. They have all been working hard off the water via Zoom meetings and classes that Sarah has prepared for them. But as you all know, hands-on practice is important; so their enthusiasm is high. We will try to keep it all under control as we start our summer classes. Everyone is excited and looking forward to getting out on the water.

All of us involved with the Sailing Education Program are excited that Thurston County has been able to attain and keep Phase 3 status. Please help us keep that Phase 3 status by wearing masks on the docks, ramps and more public areas of OYC. We will do our best to make sure our staff and participants do the same. We can do this!

Fair winds and stay safe!

OYC Sailing Education Program

Club Service Program

PC Les Thompson, Chair



Greetings all. I hope you are all safe and well. Of course like many of you I miss seeing everyone at events and on the docks.

Not much new to update for CSP at this time. The BOT is in the process of discussing CSP and if any changes will be made for this year due the covid-19 closures we have faced at the club. I do not have a timeline as of yet what they will eventually decide. I will keep you posted as I know further details as I am sure the BOT will also do.

There are still opportunities to get CSP hours at

the mainstation and Island home with maintenance and work around the facilities. Check with caretakers or committee chairs for what can be done safely with the social distancing etc put in place.

My computer died so I am a little late in posting the first half of the year report. It is now available in the clubhouse for you to view. Sorry about that. I am up and running again now.

Stay safe and enjoy your boats. Maybe I will see some of you on the dock.

PC Les Thompson

CSP guru

Fleet Surgeon

Richard Hurst, M.D. ("Rich")



WAGs and Waves

Wild As* Guesses. Trying to foresee the future that has so many uncontrollable factors is maddening. In addition to the medical articles and the number games, I watch the news sources because the human reactions may be the major selecting tool for where the society goes. The videos of bars crammed full of mask-less people portend trouble. That is definitely herd stupidity rather than herd immunity in action. Herd immunity would occur is more than 70% of the world's population had had the COVID and had a survivors' immunity. The death toll and the destruction of the healthcare system from 70% infections would be horrendous. So we wait for the vaccine.

I see major cities relaxing their sanctions and falling off the cliff with new infections. Political gatherings are occurring with few masks and there was a recent one for VP Pence that featured a

huge choir. Anyone remember in Mt Vernon where a choir practice with 45 of 60 members getting sick, 3 in the hospital, and 2 died? So we wait for a good vaccine.

This is usually the article where I warn you to use and update your sunscreen throughout the day and avoid the direct sunlight from 10 am to 4 PM. That is because the sun exposure will give you wrinkles and maybe cancer many years from now.

My WAG is that we may see a fall WAVE of infection "like we could never imagine" **unless** we see the "herd" wearing masks, using hand washing/sanitizer, and social distancing. So we hope and wait for a great vaccine.

Remember: If you don't like wearing a mask, you are really going to hate the ventilator.

Rich Hurst — Fleet Surgeon
MV/Feisty Too

Main Station

Bill Hamaker and Jim Howatson, Co-chairs



The work boat is now in service with a few updates added for safety, and with additional modifications planned.



The barge was launched and is in the water just outside the wood shop. The larger old barge was moved to a new location and the smaller one was given to West Bay Marina.

The wood fence behind Bayview was raised 2' in order to even out the line of sight and improve security.

Work is continuing on the Grid floating dock, and it is looking good. We need a volunteer to clean off the concrete pads and repair the timbers that support the boats.

We have begun negotiations for the new walkway between the caretaker's residence and the clubhouse. Permits are being pursued as we speak and the work is scheduled for September when the walkway will be closed for 4-6 weeks.

The woodshop band saw and table saw were repaired using CSP hours. The shop has been cleaned and has been kept clean ever since. Thank you all for continued good housekeeping.

The OYC beautification project went well and cleanup continues throughout the Club.

The availability of keyless locks for the dumpster area and fenced compound are still being researched with little success at this point, but will continue. The caretaker boathouse door was re-hung so it now opens correctly.

The SEP will be placing a small shed inside the compound near the back fence for storage of equipment. They are also conducting outdoor classes this summer in the same area. Hand sanitation stations have been placed in their area and they have made arrangements to use the city restrooms at the end of our parking lot. There is a plan to add barbed wire to the top of the fence at the back of the compound for added security.

Another wi-fi node was added at the end of the 600 dock to improve coverage. We now have full coverage around the basin. New additional Ring cameras have been added to fully enhance our security efforts. Test motion sensor lights will be added on docks to enhance security.

A member reported an unauthorized entry into his boathouse by way of the water, using a kayak. The person got away with only a grill cover for his effort. However the owner happened to be on board at the time but had turned his Ring camera off to alleviate false notifications.

I can't stress how important social distancing is to our older members. What has been seen in the last two months is such a casual disregard for human life that it appears that a simple wearing of a mask is too much to ask. There have been clusters of people standing at the top of the ramp with not enough room to get by with a cart so that a person has to hold their breath when walking by. Please respect life, wear a mask and practice social distancing.

CSP HOURS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN WORK ALONE ON SMALL PROJECTS.

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Community & Government Affairs

Myra Downing and Kelly Thompson, Co-Chairs



Ahoy Mates

While we have been Cruising, Camping, or Just Chillin'several things have been going on back at OYC and the neighborhood.

At request of the Olympia Downtown Alliance, OYC is contributing to a fund to help local downtown businesses replace broken windows in their storefronts. CGAC reserved a portion of our community grant funding for "special needs" such as this fund.

Do you remember Sea Scouts? Were you a

Sea Scout? This organization has been a support and feeder organization for many years, and made the boating community stronger. OYC has received a request for moorage for a 26 foot vessel that is the main project of the Sea Scout group. We are getting more details of the request, and look forward to a presentation from the Director of the Salish Sea Scouting.

Do you have connections with a community organization that can help further the mission of OYC for strengthening the South Sound boating community and OYC community? Watch here for the Community Grant Program application cycle.

Kelly Thompson

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Island Home

Earl Hughes, Chair



This has been a very different boating season. I think we all have learned a lot about the South Sound. Island Home has been very busy. During June we had over 385 guest days at the Island.

Remember to keep practicing good social distancing, which most member have.

Our next committee meeting will be Monday Aug 31st if everything is OK by then.

Enjoy the Island and when you see George tell him how nice it looks.

Earl Hughes

MV Lady Bee II

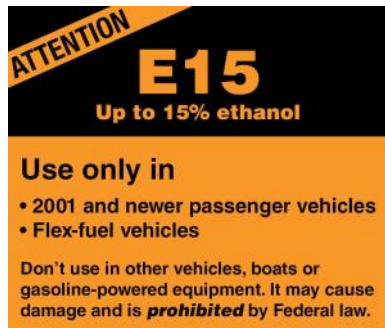
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The EPA Isn't Making It Any Easier for Boaters To Choose the Right Fuel for Their Boats

E15 gasoline is illegal for use in boats, many other vehicles, and power equipment. Can you spot any effective warning label indicating the increased 15% ethanol content in the “regular 88” fuel?



Harris Poll: Only 22% of consumers know that 'regular 88' fuel has more engine-harming ethanol than 87 octane fuel

This little orange E15 warning label on a gas pump could be all that separates boaters from misfueling their boat, says BoatUS. However, it might not be that easy to see on the gas

SPRINGFIELD, Va., July 14, 2020 – With summer boating season in full swing, it's now common to see recreational boats being filled up at gas stations across the country. However, making sure the right fuel gets in the boat's tank isn't always assured: 54% of consumers in a recent Harris Poll believed that the small orange E15 fuel warning label on a gas station pump isn't good enough to protect consumers. Poll respondents believe the label, about the size of a pack of gum, needs to be larger, clearer and mandatory on all gas station fuel-dispensing pumps. E15 (fuel containing 15% ethanol) is prohibited by federal law for use in recreational boat engines and voids many marine engine warranties.

“It's clear that the Environmental Protection Agency has not done enough to protect boat owners and a range of consumers,” said Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. “Some fuels are being marketed and sold to consumers as low-cost alternatives but without having the necessary clear warnings on the pump that highlight increased ethanol content. ‘Regular 88’ fuel, typically the cheapest choice at the pump, contains 15% ethanol (E15), enough to harm a vessel's motor and void the engine manufacturer's warranty

“We are cautioning our members this summer that they may find badly labeled fuel choices at the pump and inadequate education around ethanol-blended fuels that were never intended for recreational vessels,” Kennedy added. Boaters have no love for ethanol in their gas due to the [proven damage it causes to boat engines](#) and fuel systems.

BoatUS, along with additional stakeholders, is asking why, after consistent urging, EPA has not done a better job warning boaters, those with gasoline-powered equipment, and vehicle owners not warrantied for fuels above E10 to stay away from this new generation of higher ethanol fuels intended to increase America's consumption of [government-subsidized corn-based ethanol](#).

“As EPA has worked to broaden the availability of E15 in the U.S., including most recently in last year's repeal of seasonal restrictions on the sale of higher-blend ethanol fuels, our organizations have consistently urged EPA to implement a more effective Misfueling Mitigation Program. ... The misfueling of marine engines and vessels, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, and outdoor power equipment places significant burdens on both the American consumer and product manufacturers. Risks outlined for consumers include potential product damage and/or compromised performance, economic loss and potentially unsafe products.”

The partners urge public education efforts; improvement to the ethanol content warning label type, size and pump location; evaluating the adoption of different fuel pump nozzle sizes; ceasing misleading marketing of ethanol fuels; evaluating the use of physical barriers and keypad systems; and offering a dedicated pump for E0 (0% ethanol) fuel.

Lakebay Marina Update from RBAW

August 2020

Here is an update and a call for action regarding the RBAW effort to save the Lakebay Marina, but first a quick history of the Lakebay Marina.

The historic Lakebay Marina is located 10 miles west of Tacoma, WA. The heart of the marina is the historic pier and building, long used as a community gathering place. The 18-acre property also includes 600 feet of shoreline, a boat ramp, tideland, and 10 acres of forest. Preservation of the site is critical because of its deserved reputation as a destination for boaters, the beautiful natural surroundings that give it a rustic charm, and its close proximity to Penrose Point State Park.

The Lakebay Marina, placed on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places in February 2019, has a heritage dating back 135 years. The building which houses the current marina and restaurant began in 1928 as a poultry co-op. Eggs were shipped as far as the East Coast. The warehouse closed in 1958 and was later converted to a marina, which served until recently as a popular gathering place for residents of the Key Peninsula.

This facility was considered by the Olympia Yacht Club as a potential outstation because of the incredible location, large event-sized building, and the protected marina. OYC decided it was too much for the club, which was smart. The current owner is under pressure to upgrade the facility, but the cost is beyond the revenue potential. So, we run the risk of the owner selling the facility to an exclusive buyer that would remove this property from public access forever.



RBAW has taken on the effort to save this facility, in the same way RBAW purchased Sucia Island and donated it to the State Parks, with a vision that this would be an incredible cruise-in facility for yacht clubs and a destination for many family outings looking to enjoy the shoreline of Penrose State Park. We have the grants for repairs in sight and the support of the community to build something beautiful.

RBAW has a pending purchase that needs to be completed by the end of September. We've raised nearly 25% of the \$1.25M purchase price and received a \$150,000 site assessment grant from the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency. We thought we had legislative support for the balance, howev-

er, with the immediate budget shift due to the Covid pandemic, the State pulled back their funding. **We are now at risk of losing this purchase and I'm reaching out to the Club with an update to our fundraising efforts.**

RBAW has created a 501(c)(3) named the **RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy**, which means the Conservancy is now able to take tax preferred donations. Along with the Lakebay project, the Conservancy is designed to be long running and continue to acquire properties and we have a few in our sites.

So now what you have been waiting for... the ask.

We need the help of every boater in the Salish Sea if we are going to pull this off by September. We need about \$800,000 (80*\$10,000 and we have it) by September. We are in partnership with Mark Bunzel from the Waggoner's Cruising Guide and the Northwest Marine Trade Association to get the word out.

As a legacy to you, your family, or your business, we will have commemorative recognition, such as a plaque wall, benches, or some type of a tile area depending on the design work, so every donation will be recognized. Of course, the larger the donation, the larger the recognition. We also have the ability to honor a special donation with the naming rights of a slip or the whole marina. Imagine, OYC Lakebay Marina, or your name on a slip as your legacy.

If you are able and willing to participate, we have our donation site up and active at:

www.rbawmarineparksconservancy.org.

You can mail a check to:

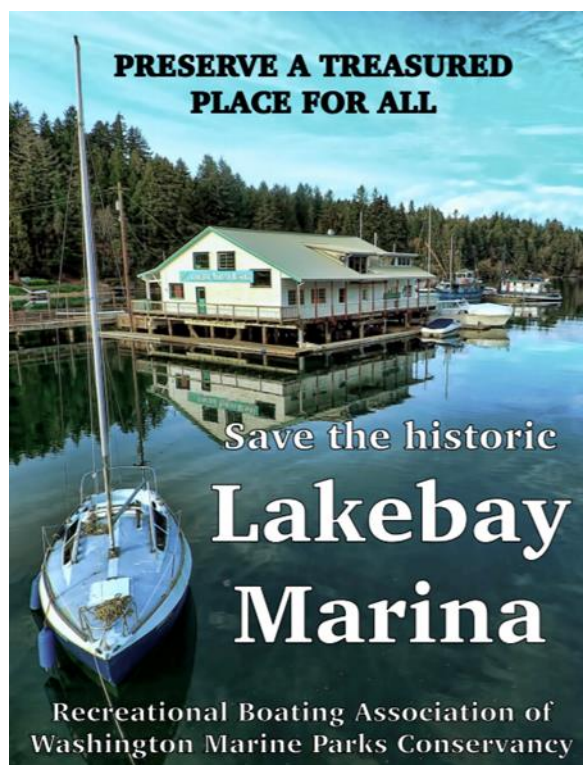
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Or, if you would like to donate through your giving charitable account, it's easy! **Our Tax ID is: 84-2485855.**

May as well start giving now (or replace yourself with someone you know), because I won't quit trying until we have this great property available to all.

See you all out there and I'm open to discussions and ideas,

Steve Finney
Vice President – Government Affairs
Recreational Boating Association of Washington



OYC Safety Article

Local Notice to Mariners

WASHINGTON – PUGET SOUND (NORTHERN PART) – OAK HARBOR – CRESCENT HARBOR – Military exercise

The U.S. Navy, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit ONE (EODMU ONE) will be conducting MILITARY exercises in the waters of Crescent Harbor near the city of Oak Harbor between Forbes Point and Polnell Point, from 13-24 July 2020. The exercise will be conducted 24 hours a day during this period and includes military vessels and divers operating in the waters of Crescent Harbor to conduct mine countermeasure training. Vessels and divers will be deploying, locating and recovering inert, underwater training mines. The training mines themselves are inert (not active) and will be located on bottom and 15 feet off the bottom of the seabed and will not pose a hazard to navigation. Mariners operating in this area are reminded to remain at least 100 yards from any vessel displaying the lights or day shapes for a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver, and to maintain a safe speed and use caution when operating near vessels engaged in diving operations (flying flag Alpha.) Naval vessels will be monitoring VHF-FM channel 16. For more information on the exercise, please contact the Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Office at (360) 396-1630.

Charts: 18428 18441

LNM: 27/20

WASHINGTON – STRAIT OF GEORGIA AND STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA – Acoustic research buoys

SMRU Consulting will be testing acoustic buoys in three locations in the Middle Bank and Hein Bank areas south of San Juan Island, from 01 Jun until 01 Nov 2020. The buoys will be monitoring underwater acoustic noise, and will be located in the following approximate positions: (A) 48-24-25.0452N, 122-58-51.8952W (B) 48-23-6.1728N, 123-7-28.7112W (C) 48-19-54.012N, 123-4-25.95W. A chart graphic was included as Enclosure (4) of LNM 11/20. Buoys are 2-foot diameter, yellow in color, marked with a FL Y 6s (flashing yellow six second) light and an orange flag. Mariners are requested to keep a safe distance from the buoy. For additional information, contact Jason Wood at (306) 298-0166 or jw@smruconsulting.com.

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LMN: 22/20

WASHINGTON – PUGET SOUND – APPLE COVE TO KEYPORT – Submersible Vehicle testing (Revised from LNM 49/19)

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) at Keyport, WA will be continuing operations in the vicinity of NUWC between the Brownsville Marina and Keyport through 23 Dec 2020. Operations will be conducted Monday through Friday during daylight hours. Operations will involve semisubmersible and submersible vehicles escorted by a small naval craft with a flashing red light. The small craft will monitor VHF-FM channels 12 and 16. The call sign for the small craft will be "Keyport Range Control". All craft transiting the area are requested to exercise caution and maintain a sharp lookout for possible semi-submerged vehicles while the range is in operation. Questions can be directed to Keyport Range Control on VHF-FM channels 12 and 16 or by contacting the Pacific Northwest Range Management and Ops Division, Range Control Branch, at (360) 396-2313.

Charts: 18446

LMN: 50/19

Quartermaster

Margaret Snyder & Judy Ball, Co-Chairs



Due to the Corona Virus we remain closed through the summer. We wish you all a summer of safe boating and good times on the water! Hope to see some of you up in the San Juans!

Margaret and Judy

Women's Interclub Council

Kim Shann, Representative



Due to the CORONA VIRUS....and the decision made by OYC, there will not be any Anchorette function, meetings, or any Women's Inter-club gatherings...till further notice. 🙄

**KIMM SHANN
WIC REPRESENTATIVE**

OYC Directory Coordinator Polly Rosmond

The Directory is being compiled for the coming year. Please check your listing in the book and send any changes to rosmond@comcast.net and put **OYC Directory** in the subject line. We are missing many member photos, so here's your chance to submit one or an updated pic. **ALSO**, if you have photos of events, send 'em in! Deadline is the first week of August. Thank you!

Sunshine Committee

Deb Waldherr, Chair



Please be sure to text or call me regarding any member or members who should receive a card from the club.

I can be reached at 360-561-1947, a call or text would be great.

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J Grady editor



Hi all, I note that some of the club member ads have been running for more than a year. I am going to institute a policy of requiring an updated request every **6 months**, so we can keep the ads fresh. There are several ads currently over that time. Pls send in a request if you'd like the ad to continue to run.

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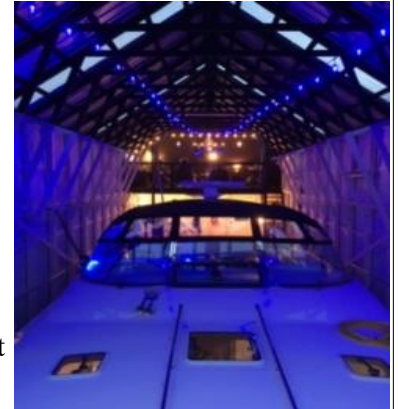
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